

do with the waves ; God controls the earth, sea and sky ; our whole duty is to look to Christ, to move quietly forward in the path of duty, and he who is Master of the waves and the winds will take care of our feet. Of course we must not recklessly walk into the face of danger ; we can not of ourselves walk over the waves of trouble and the billows of sorrow which engulf this world, and we must not venture to do so unless Christ bids us, then and then only are we safe. If we are following the commands of the Master, walking in the path of duty, the most boisterous waves become a floor over which we may walk without fear. He who looks to Jesus will be victorious in all suffering, danger and trouble. Look to Jesus constantly, follow where he leads, and he will direct your feet in ways of peace and righteousness.

Our Missions

One of the most urgent and present needs of the church is a hearty support of its several missions. Something should be done at once to insure the Board a regular and permanent source of income. Without such an assurance it is impossible for the Board to plan its work and push it successfully. The Board must know, at least to some extent, what it may reasonably expect from the church in the way of contributions. Surely it should not be necessary that constant appeals are made to our people thro the paper for the support of this work. It should be freely done. Is not our duty clear in this matter? Does any one question for a moment that the great burden of the church is to extend its borders ; to enlarge Zion ; to reach out after the lost ; to contribute its full share to the support of that work which has for its ultimate aim the giving of the gospel to all the world? One who has been born again, born into the kingdom of God, become a child of God, enjoying the great blessings and supreme privileges of the Father's house, who has tasted of the goodness of God, who can testify to the blessedness and the sweetness of the religion of Christ, who has an experimental as well as an intellectual knowledge of the infinite riches which are the inheritance of the Father's children even in this life, whose heart is overflowing with the love of God, whose soul has been stirred and set on fire with the Holy Spirit, can such a one doubt that his paramount duty is to give this blessed gospel which has done so much for him, to those who know it not, and have never yet experienced what it means to be a child of God? Surely this can not be. The duty of each member of the church is clear on this point. Then why the necessity of these constant appeals? It is not as it ought to be.

There should be a missionary society in every congregation in the Brethren church. No, let us put it this way : Every local congregation in the Brethren church should be

an active, aggressive missionary society in which each member has a special interest. Then would the entire church become enthused with the missionary spirit and a mighty influence go out from it to bless this world now lying in sin and darkness. True each conference district has its home work to support, and usually it is a very meager support, but a hearty support of the national and the foreign work with the glorious results that follow such efforts, would put new life into the church and call forth increased contributions for the home work. The great lesson the church has yet to learn is the lesson of self-sacrifice. In this as in all other things Christ is our example. We profess to follow him in loyal obedience in the observance of the ordinances and institutions of the Lord's house ; let us follow him in the way of self-sacrifice, for in this he furnishes us the sublimest example the world has ever known.

Again we appeal to the young people to take up this work with renewed zeal and organize for systematic and permanent results. The young people's societies of the Brethren church can easily raise for national missions \$100 per month. Take monthly collections, send for some missionary barrels, or put a missionary box in your church and in your home ; deny yourself of some of the luxuries of life, tobacco, ice cream, chewing gum, candies, etc., and put the money usually spent for these unnecessaries, into the mission box and the result will surprise you. But the question of method is of secondary importance and can be determined by each local society. The important thing is to *do* something, and do it *now*. In some way and somehow *do* something, the question of method will shape itself. Get it into your heart and into the heart of every member of every society in the brotherhood to *give*, give freely, and the method will be at hand. *The important and paramount need of the hour is a willing heart to give.*

Timely Thoughtfulness

Winter is coming on, and your pastor is doubtless facing the necessity of increased expenditure for the comfort of his family with no little anxiety and embarrassment, seeing his salary is in arrears. Fuel and heavier clothing are to be bought, and if there are boys and girls large enough to require better schools, what a problem that is for the empty pocket book to solve. Would it not be simple justice adorned with kindness to see that he is paid up at once, and perhaps a little over and above? The most faithful pastors, those whose labors are priceless, have a way of "bearing all things and suffering all things lest the gospel should be hindered," patiently waiting without complaint while neglect and delay drag their slow lengths along. The man who preaches loving and faithful sermons when he is not able to afford

nutritious food and comfortable clothing for himself and his family is a grander hero than the charging victors of San Juan ; but what must we think of his congregation? It is a profound humiliation for a sensitive pastor to be compelled to ask for the arrears of his salary. Suffer him not to do it. You owe it as unto the Lord, for the pastor is the Lord's ambassador. There is no time like the immediate present to perform a right action. If you delay, the impulse dies away, and you fall into the same old rut of procrastination. What would it be like if you should immediately mount your horse, gather up the straggling mites of that unpaid allowance, find the God's man who advances what is lacking, and make glad that little household where the golden chain is hammered out week by week which binds you and your little ones to the kingdom that is and is to come?

The Unfaithful Churches

Doctor Parkhurst calls for another Luther to save the churches from meaningless mummeries and hollow hypocrisies. Another voice declares that the church in the cities has shamelessly deserted the lower classes, and "become the very penitential of aristocratic exclusiveness and fat-witted prejudice." Statistics, that sometimes very unwelcome preacher of grim truth, declares that only twenty-five per cent of the total population comes at all within the range of church influence, the other seventy-five per cent. being alien if not pagan. People who have discovered where the trouble lies are shouting from every side. It is the fault of sectarianism, says one. Impossible creeds, says another. Professional priestcraft, replies a third. Abandonment of holiness and consequent loss of power, insists the sanctificationist.

We would not hush any of these voices. All of them are probably right, and when we assemble the indictments, how formidable they are. It will do no good to shut our eyes to the truth. Better write it in large letters, and hang it up before the Lord, that it may always appeal for divine intervention, and that it may always challenge our utmost and most persevering efforts to amend and reform. If sectarianism is one of the troubles, it may be softened by a spirit of fraternity and co-operation. If impossible creeds stand in the way, creeds which only those can believe who are born and brought up to believe them, we may gradually minimize the preposterous and accentuate what is vital and true. Priestcraft, founded upon an element in human nature which is impossible of regeneration, is a more difficult thing to deal with. Perhaps the solution of this part of the problem, as well as all the others, may be found in the recession of apostolic holiness, and its resultant power. If the sancti-